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2nd Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026 @ 11:00am

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

“O Praise Him”
by David Crowder © 2003 *worshiptogether.com* and *Sixsteps Music*

Dr. Renee Huff

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder

INTROIT

“Whosoever Meaneth Me”
by J. Edwin McConnell, 1914

WORDS OF PRAISE

Psalm 121

Margaret Armstrong

I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
The Lord will not let your foot be moved; God who keeps you will not slumber.
The Lord who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all evil; God will keep your life.
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

***OPENING HYMN #649** “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

***OPENING PRAYER**

Unison

Eternal source and goal of all life, we come before you as people lost, in need of a savior, sinful, in need of forgiveness, condemned, in need of mercy. Lead us to your fountain of life, flowing freely from your son Jesus; who welcomes the lost, sinful, and condemned into his loving embrace, and renews us by the Spirit, to your honor and glory. Breathe into us new life once again.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE**

Friends, the good news is that God’s love is an unconditional love; a love that never fails, that never forgets, that always forgives. In Christ Jesus, we are new creations!

Thanks be to God.

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First Presbyterian Church, Staunton, VA

Mission & Vision Statement

Adopted on September 10, 2024

We open our hearts and our doors to worshipping Christ in downtown Staunton as a visible witness to the Gospel.

We are called to be a congregation that...

1. Invites all people to faith in Christ.
2. Worships God in a vibrant community through discipleship, music, and fellowship.
3. Uses our resources, time, and talents in the service of the least of these.
4. Nurtures and strengthens those within and outside of our community.
5. Makes the best use of our historic downtown property to benefit others.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE #604** “Lamb of God”

SCRIPTURE READINGS John 3:1-17
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM “I Wouldn't Take Nothing for My Journey Now” *Chancel Choir*
by Rusty Goodman and Jimmie Davis, © 1964 Jimmie Davis Music

SERMON “How Can These Things Be?” *Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder*

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #317** “In Christ There Is No East or West”

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY #366 “Love Divine, all Loves Excelling”

***DOXOLOGY #606** “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

***PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Lord’s Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing in the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion

Hymnal #559

Hymnal pg. 35

***CLOSING HYMN #836** “Abide with Me”

***BLESSING & SENDING** 1 Thessalonians 5:23

May the God of peace make you holy in every way, and keep your whole being – spirit, soul, and body – free from every fault at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

POSTLUDE

“He's Everything to Me”
by Ken Byron & Hampton Sewell, 1907

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WSO CHAMBER GROUPS CONCERT SATURDAY, MARCH 7 Please join us for a concert performed by the Waynesboro Symphony Orchestra Chamber Groups on Saturday, March 7 at 7:30pm in the sanctuary. All are welcome!

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING SUNDAY, MARCH 8 There will be an Administration Committee Meeting Sunday, March 8 at 12:15pm in the library.

BIBLE STUDY EVERY TUESDAY AT 10:00AM! Please join us for Bible Study every Tuesday at 10:00am in the library. Discussions are lively and refreshments are provided. All are welcome. Please join us!

Prayer List

Please send out prayers for: Brian, Jennifer, and Forrest Knott; Robin Knott; Ron Lowman; Fay Knicley; Molly Cox; Mona Tate; Martha Manning; Jim Koi; Cindy & Randy Powers; Ruby Dowdy; Jill & Gerry Long; Collin Parrish; Danny Anson

Please contact Heidi in the church office or Pastor Jeff to have names added or removed from the prayer list.

Names will be removed after 6 weeks unless otherwise requested.